

1 you meant the conventional jury, but in the last 50 years,
2 and in the more recent years, 29 States have amended their
3 Constitutions so as to leave to the legislature, either in
4 criminal or civil cases, or both, the right to have a
5 smaller number of jurors reach a verdict, and to have a
6 smaller number of jurors compose the jury.

7 That is particularly true in the misdemeanor
8 cases in the criminal field and in the cases tried in the
9 lower courts, that is, the lowest courts, in civil cases.

10 We have provided a new system here in Maryland
11 whereby the four-tier structure, whereby the lower court,
12 the lowest court, the District Court, should be set up on
13 a full-time professional basis, and I think it is highly
14 desirable that that Court be given the right to hear cases
15 with the jury, but I think it is quite unnecessary that you
16 should have a full scale jury in those cases.

17 At the present time, we know that there is a
18 great waste of manpower and time because in the appeal of
19 the case from the magistrate's level, the jurisdiction can
20 be ousted, even before the case is heard by the prayer of
21 the jury trial, and which means that it goes -- although